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5 AGENCIES SET UP -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 3 Jan 51

Five VVEABs (Associations of People-Owned Collecting and Purchasing Agencies) for agricultural products have been established in the German Democratic Republic, with headquarters in Potsdam (Brandenburg), Schwerin (Mecklenburg), Halle/Saale (Sachsen-Anhalt), Dresden (Sachsen) and Erfurt (Thuringen).

The VVEABs, institutions of public law, are independently functioning units of the people-owned economy, the present collecting and purchasing offices for plant and animal products and the Kreis offices will be combined into VEABs (People-Owned Collecting and Purchasing Agencies) under the jurisdiction of the VVEAB in the district they are located. The VVEABs for plant and animal products were dissolved as of 31 December 1950.

PROCESS SUGAR BEET CROPS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 13 Jan 51

On 31 December 1950, the sugar factories of the East German Laender had processed 99.5 percent of their sugar-beet quotas, as follows (in percent): Mecklenburg, 81.89; Brandenburg, 103.4; Sachsen, 98.47; Sachsen-Anhalt, 104.82; Thuringen, 116.88.

The beets processed up to 31 December had an average sugar content of 17.37 percent, and contained 12.55 percent of waste matter. Of the German Democratic Republic's 75 sugar factories, 42 have completed the processing of sugar beets.

FERTILIZER UNION DISSOLVED -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 30 Dec 50

The government of the German Democratic Republic has ordered the dissolution, on 31 December 1950, of the German Fertilizer Union. The organization's assets will be transferred to the Chemicals Division of the DEZ (German Trade Center), and institution of public law. The DEZ will assume all rights and obligations of the Fertilizer Union.

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PLANNED TREE PLANTING TO IMPROVE GROUND MOISTURE -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer  
Aussenhandel, 6 Dec 50

As one of the first measures of the Five-Year Plan dealing with the improvement of agriculture, the East German government has earmarked 225,000 Deutsche marks for planting 400,000 trees and bushes and 6,000 fruit trees in Kreis Wanzleben. This action will result in gradually remedying the Boerde water shortage. The new plantings, which will be carried out in accordance with experiences gained in the USSR, will be concentrated in the Langenweddingen and Gross-Ottersleben districts. Trees and bushes will be planted along ditches, fields, and roads in a north-south direction, and fruit trees in an east-west direction.

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